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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication responds to the final Office Action mailed on October 15, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The two-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on December 15, 2007. The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on January 15, 2008. It is respectfully submitted that this reply is timely filed within the two-month period and that no fee is required for filing this reply. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge all of the appropriate fee(s) to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.